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*To the Chairman and Members*  
OF THE  
**ROSS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my Survey Report for 1925. I am very pleased to be able to give a very satisfactory report compared with last year.

The birth-rate remains at 17.6 per 1,000 population, as compared with 17.3 for 1924.

The death-rate has dropped to 12.6 per 1,000 population from 13.4 for 1924.

One very gratifying factor is the drop in the number of deaths among babies under one year of age. This has come down to 45.1 per 1,000 births, as compared with 62.5 for 1924, and 63.1 for 1923.

Also the number of new Tuberculosis Cases reported for the year has dropped from 17 for 1924 to 8 for 1925.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. CAMPBELL.

# GENERAL STATISTICS FOR ROSS RURAL AREA, 1925.

Area (in acres) .....	61,033
Population ..... (Census 1921) ... 10,215. (1925) ...	10,030
Number of inhabited houses (1921) .....	2,477
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921) .....	2,502
Rateable Value .....	£90,467
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£376

The district is purely an agricultural one, with scattered villages and dwellings throughout its area, there being no factories. Among the crops grown are wheat, barley, clover, turnips and vetches. The Parishes number 30.

Llanwarne	Marstow	Pencoyd
Peterstow	Ross Rural	St. Weonards
Sellack	Llandinabo	Lea
Aston Ingham	Brampton Abbots	Brockhampton
Goodrich	Hentland	How Caple
Sollershope	Tretire with Michaelchurch	Upton Bishop
Walford	Weston	Yatton
Llangarron	Linton	King's Caple
Ballingham	Bridstow	Foy
Harewood	Hope Mansell	Ruardean.

## BIRTHS.

Year.		Population estimated to middle of each year.		Total Net Births.		Male.		Female.		Birth-rate per 1,000 Pop.
1921	...	10,030	...	203	...	97	...	106	...	20.23
1922	...	10,070	...	179	...	97	...	82	...	17.7
1923	...	10,200	...	206	...	105	...	101	...	20.1
1924	...	10,130	...	176	..	90	...	86	...	17.3
1925	...	10,030	...	177	...	91	...	86	...	17.6

## DEATHS.

Year.		Population estimated to middle of each year.		Total Net Deaths.		Male.		Female.		Death-rate per 1,000 Pop.
1921	...	10,030	...	108	...	48	...	60	...	10.76
1922	...	10,070	...	142	...	70	...	72	...	14.1
1923	...	10,200	...	133	...	80	...	53	...	13.3
1924	...	10,130	...	136	...	65	...	71	...	13.4
1925	...	10,030	...	127	...	68	...	59	...	12.6

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of Childbirth { From Sepsis ...Nil.  
Other causes ...Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 Births ...45.1

Legitimate .....6 Illegitimate .....2 Total .....8.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..... Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ..... Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age) ..... Nil.



Other causes of Deaths were:—

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Influenza .....	2 .....	1 .....	3
Tuberculosis of respiratory system .....	5 .....	2 .....	7
Other tuberculous diseases .....	1 .....	1 .....	2
Cancer, malignant disease .....	8 .....	5 .....	13
Rheumatic fever .....	1 .....	— .....	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage .....	2 .....	6 .....	8
Heart disease .....	11 .....	9 .....	20
Arterio-sclerosis .....	7 .....	— .....	7
Bronchitis .....	3 .....	3 .....	6
Pneumonia (all forms) .....	3 .....	2 .....	5
Other respiratory diseases .....	— .....	1 .....	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum .....	1 .....	1 .....	2
Appendicitis and typhlitis .....	— .....	1 .....	1
Acute and chronic nephritis .....	4 .....	1 .....	5
Congenital debility, and malformation, premature birth .....	2 .....	— .....	2
Deaths from violence .....	3 .....	2 .....	5
Other defined diseases .....	14 .....	23 .....	37
Causes ill-defined or unknown .....	1 .....	— .....	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held every fortnight in Ross, by the County Tuberculosis Officer, where cases may be sent, with obviously good results.

Suitable cases are sent to the Nieuport Sanatorium, Almeley, Hereford. The class of cases suitable for Sanatorium treatment are early cases, and cases where the diagnosis is doubtful, and there is good ground to believe tuberculosis may be present.

These cases can be sent for a period of observation till a definite diagnosis is arrived at.

Shelters are used where possible for the later cases.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.						Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 and upwards	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
1 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
5 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
10 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 „ „	—	—	...	—	1	—	2	1	...	—
20 „ „	—	1	...	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
25 „ „	2	—	...	—	—	—	1	—	...	1
35 „ „	1	—	...	1	1	—	1	1	...	—
45 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	1	—	...	—
55 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
65 „ „	—	1	...	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
Totals	3	2	...	1	2	—	5	2	...	1

## MATERNITY AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

The Ross Maternity Home is part of the Voluntary Infant Welfare Centre, and deals with the whole District; it has now been running for some years, thus supplying a long-felt want for the District. Local practitioners can attend their own patients who are admitted on a fixed scale of charges.

The County Council subscribes to the Voluntary Infant Welfare Centre, and allows the County Medical Officer to give advice at the Centre as far as he had time to do so.

## FEVER HOSPITAL.

Infectious Cases which could not be properly isolated, or nursed at home were removed to the Isolation Cottage at Hope Mansell, as this Cottage was closed down in the autumn, it is hoped that the new Isolation Hospital, situated on the Camp Meadow, Ross, will soon be available.

One infectious case was removed to the Isolation Cottage during the year.

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### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR.

Diseases..	Total cases. Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small-pox ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria ...	8	1	Nil
Pneumonia ...	6	Nil	(all forms) 5
Enteric Fever ...	2	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever ...	6	Nil	Nil

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### Notifiable Diseases Reported during the last 5 years.

Diseases.	Total Cases. Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria ...	25	2	2
Enteric fever ...	7	2	Nil
Erysipelas ...	3	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	Nil	Nil
Scarlet fever ...	27	10	Nil
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia ...	34	Nil	(all forms) 20
Polioencephalitis ...	1	Nil	1
Encephalitis lethargica	3	Nil	2
Small-pox ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Most Parishes maintain their own Nurses, subsidised by your Council and the County Council, they do not nurse infectious cases, but are required to attend any Poor Law cases with out fee.

Other nursing accommodation lies in the Private Nursing Home situated at Ashfield, Ross. The Poor Law Infirmary, and the Ross Cottage Hospital. Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children is provided for at the Ross Poor Law Institution.



## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

As the Motor Ambulance kindly lent by the British Red Cross Society has been withdrawn owing to the great expense of its upkeep, the Herefordshire Branch of the B.R.C. has kindly arranged for the use of stretchers in a motor bus for the conveyance of accidents and serious cases.

Infectious cases are removed by private motor car.

## VENEREAL DISEASES.

These cases are treated at the Hereford Clinic, at the Isolation Block of the Hereford Union, where arrangements are made with Birmingham University Pathological Department for the Wasserman tests, and with the County Laboratory for part of the microscopical work.

## WATER SUPPLY.

During the year six water certificates were granted in respect of new houses.

Fifteen samples of water were analysed, ten samples were found to be fit for domestic use, one well was closed, and the Town supply laid on to the cottages to which the well belonged.

In two cases the wells were repaired, and in one case the well was cleaned out.

Ross Rural is connected with the Ross Urban supply.

A portion of the Parish of Hentland (Hoarwithy) is very badly off for water, some of the houses still have to depend upon unfiltered river water for their supply.

Most of the Districts rely upon springs and wells for their supply of water for domestic use.

Llangarron has a supply of its own, which is of very good quality. At Brockhampton, and Hom. through the generosity of the principal Landowner in each Parish, the houses are given an excellent water supply, carried by pipes from a well driven by a water-wheel.

## SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.

Five new drains were provided for dwellings. These were tested and found satisfactory. In 27 cases new or improved sanitary accommodation was provided.

## HOUSING.

During the year six new houses were erected, 216 inspections were made under the Housing Act, and 38 under the Public Health Act. Repairs were carried out at 17 cottages.

## DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Forty-seven persons are registered under the Order, as against 33 in 1924.

Five further applications for registration have been sent in which will bring the number up to 52.

Cowkeepers and Wholesale Purveyors .....	30
Cowkeepers and Retailers .....	16
Collector and Retailer .....	1

In 5 cases cow houses were ordered to be lime washed.

## SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

One building is used for slaughtering several times weekly, and at two others intermittent slaughtering is carried on as well as a number of cottages during certain parts of the year.

## SWABS, ETC.

County Laboratory at Hereford deals with specimens of Suptum, etc., and the Poor Law Dispenser is authorised to keep a stock of Sera.

## SCHOOLS.

During the year it was found necessary to close various Schools on 15 occasions, due to Mumps, Measles, Whooping Cough, Colds and Coughs, etc.



## HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) .....	6
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:	
(i) By the Local Authority .....	Nil
(ii) By other bodies or persons .....	Nil

### 1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	38
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .....	216
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	1

### 2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .....	17
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### 3. Action under Statutory Powers.

#### A. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	17
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners .....	16
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	1
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close .....	Nil

#### B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	38
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:—	
(a) By owners .....	32
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

#### C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders .....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit.....	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	Nil
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	Nil

# SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING THE YEAR 1925.

## CLERICAL.

Statutory Notices served .....	Nil
Preliminary Notices served .....	31
Preliminary Notices complied with ...	16
Preliminary Notices served 1924 complied with .....	3
Informal Notices to repair (Housing Act) .....	10
Closing Orders made .....	Nil
Closing Orders determined .....	Nil
Letters written and Isolation Cottage Accounts .....	202
Notices sent to Schools re infectious cases .....	16
Reports made to the M.O.H. on infectious cases .....	14

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE:—

Investigated .....	14
Removed to Isolation Cottage .....	lots 12
Houses disinfected .....	12
Bedding and bed-clothing disinfected .	case 1
Shelters disinfected .....	7

## WATER SUPPLY.

Supply for new houses .....	6
Wells sunk ....	Nil
Water Certificates granted .....	6
Samples taken and submitted for analysis .....	15
Samples reported good .....	10
Samples reported unfit .....	5

## HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION:—

Housing inspected (Housing Act) .....	216
Houses inspected (P.H.A.) .....	38
Houses ordered to be closed .....	Nil
Closing Orders determined .....	Nil
Houses erected .....	6
Houses repaired .....	17
Inspection Numbers:—252, 680, 681, 682, 689, 723, 603, 608, 675, 1,219, 1,220, 1,221, 1,229, 1,230, 1,224, 1,201, 1,202.	
Houses demolished .....	Nil

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL:—

New drains provided .....	5
Tests applied (Hydraulic 5, Smoke 7).....	12
New or improved sanitary accommodation .....	18
New or improved W.C. Accommodation.....	9

## DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS:—

Cowkeeper Purveyors .....	30
Cowkeeper Retailers .....	16
Collector and Retailer .....	1 47
Inspections .....	52
Ordered to limewash .....	cases 5

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:—

Workshops including Bakehouses inspected .....	32
Ordered to clean and limewash .....	cases 3

March 1st, 1926.



